

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008  
**TIME:** 8:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** MUNICIPAL COURT-COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
325 WATCHUNG AVENUE

AT THE REGULAR MEETING, A SEGMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING, WHICH APPEARS ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON ANY ITEM THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**  
*Honorable Harold Gibson*

**COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS**  
*Honorable Rashid Burney*

**CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**AND**  
**COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, FIRST AND FOURTH WARDS**  
*Honorable Linda Carter*

**COUNCILMAN, THIRD WARD**  
*Honorable Don Davis*

**COUNCILMAN, FIRST WARD**  
*Honorable William Reid*

**COUNCILMAN, FOURTH WARD**  
*Honorable Elliott Simmons*

**COUNCILMAN, SECOND WARD**  
*Honorable Cory Storch*

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
*Honorable Laddie Wyatt, RMC/CMC/MMCA*  
*Clerk of the Council*

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**MAYOR**  
*Honorable Sharon M. Robinson-Briggs*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
*Marc D. Dashield*



**CORPORATION COUNSEL**  
*Daniel A. Williamson, Esq.*

**FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (908) 753-3223.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE PLAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

*THE HONORABLE HAROLD GIBSON, PRESIDING*

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESIDENT TO ANNOUNCE:**

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PROVIDED FOR THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" HAS BEEN SATISFIED. NOTICE WAS PROPERLY GIVEN, SAID NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE COURIER-NEWS AND THE STAR-LEDGER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008 AS WELL AS POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**3. INVOCATION:**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Annual Organization Meeting of January 1, 2008

**4A. CEREMONIAL MATTERS:**

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS:

NONE

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

NONE

**6. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

NONE

**7. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

NONE SUBMITTED

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NONE

9. **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE:** CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

**MC 2008 - 01** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971 (ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL AND PLUMBING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

**MC 2008 - 02** AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE TITLE OF ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971 – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

**MC 2008 - 03** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 11 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 1971 (SALARY AMENDMENT) (PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION – PMMA) – PERSONNEL DIVISION.

9(A). **PUBLIC COMMENTS, LIMITED TO RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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ALL MATTERS LISTED WITH AN (\*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCILMEMBER OR CITIZEN SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY UNDER NEW BUSINESS IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE LATER ON THE AGENDA.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION NUMBERS **R 104-08** THRU **R 115-08** AND **R 117-08** ARE LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA SEGMENT WITH AN ASTERISK\* TO BE APPROVED AND THAT EACH SPECIFIC ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS INDICATED.

11. **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:**  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LEGISLATIVE BODY**

- R 103-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING *KENNETH SCOTT*, 21 WOODBINE AVENUE, SUCCEEDING SELF AS COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAINFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM ENDING 07/01/2012. – **CITY CLERK.**  
NON-CONSENT
- \*R 104-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BANNER TO BE HUNG OVER THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS ACROSS EAST FRONT STREET AND WATCHUNG AVENUE FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2008 THRU MARCH 20, 2008 TO ADVERTISE AND ENCOURAGE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND TO ENSURE ALL FAMILIES ARE AWARE OF THE ABBOTT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM – **CITY CLERK (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**
- \*R 105-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL TO INSTALL A BANNER OVER THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS ACROSS EAST FRONT STREET AND WATCHUNG AVENUE FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2008 THRU APRIL 7, 2008 TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" – **CITY CLERK (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**
- \*R 106-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO CDI HEAD START FOR A STREET AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT TO INSTALL A BANNER OVER THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS ACROSS PARK AVENUE AND EAST SIXTH STREET FROM MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 31, 2008 TO ADVERTISE RECRUITMENT FOR THE PLAINFIELD HEAD START PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM (AGES 3-4) – **CITY CLERK (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED)**
- \*R 107-08** COUNCILMANIC RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS *BLACK HISTORY MONTH* – **CITY CLERK.**

**ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

- \*R 108-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS (ASCAP) FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND NEW JERSEY MUSICAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE CITY THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES TO USE AND PERFORM COPYRIGHTED MUSIC WITHIN THE ASCAP LIBRARY – **CITY ADMINISTRATOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).**

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

- \*R 109-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS FOR DUPLICATE PAID TAXES ON TWENTY-THREE (23) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A – \$40,580.88 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).
- \*R 110-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR OVER BILLED TAXES ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 508-14 GRANT AVENUE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 553, LOT 9 – \$385.07 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).
- \*R 111-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS FOR OVERPAID TAXES ON SIX (6) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE A – \$5,414.00 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).
- \*R 112-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ISSUE REFUNDS OF ERRONEOUSLY PAID TAXES ON TWO (2) PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE B – \$2,101.23 – TAX COLLECTOR (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).
- \*R 113-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING TO PROVIDE EDUCATION SERVICES TO THE PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY – \$37,509.00 (CITY TO PROVIDE 25% IN MATCHING FUNDS TOTALING \$9,377.25; AND IN-KIND MATCH OF \$28,132.00) – HEALTH DIVISION/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- \*R 114-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC REDEVELOPMENT AREAS AS A BROWNFIELDS DEVELOPMENT AREA – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED – AMENDED).
- \*R 115-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BROWNFIELDS DEVELOPMENT AREA REMEDIATION AND REUSE PLAN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED – AMENDED).
- R 116-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATING BUDGET FOR PLAINFIELD SID MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE – \$147,300.00 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).  
NON-CONSENT
- \*R 117-08** RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT FINANCING FOR CONTINUED SERVICES OF FOUR SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PLAINFIELD UEZ - \$75,000.00 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED).

**12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

NONE

**13. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** ANY RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER OF PLAINFIELD IS WELCOME TO COMMENT ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL ITEM OF CONCERN TO THEM DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETING. CITIZENS MUST CLEARLY STATE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE CLERK ONCE THE SPEAKER IS RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO SPEAK. A TOTAL OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS TO BE PRESENTED. LARGE GROUPS ARE URGED TO SELECT A SPOKESPERSON TO REPRESENT THEM. EACH PERSON IS ALLOCATED THREE (3) MINUTES TO SPEAK. THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOCATED CUMULATIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY.

NO SPEAKER SHALL ENGAGE IN ANY PERSONALLY OFFENSIVE, DEROGATORY OR ABUSIVE REMARKS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY CALL TO ORDER ANY SPEAKER WHO VIOLATES THIS PROVISION. AN OFFICER FROM THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DIVISION MAY REMOVE ANY DISRUPTIVE PERSON AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER. PUBLIC COMMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS – BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE.

IT IS NOT A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. NEITHER THE PRESIDING OFFICER NOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN A BACK AND FORTH EXCHANGE SO SPEAKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRESENT ALL THEIR VIEWS. THE PRESIDING OFFICER AS WELL AS ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY RESPOND TO ANY COMMENT AFTER SUCH SPEAKER IS FINISHED. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY REFER THE SPEAKER TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR AN APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ANY COUNCIL MEMBER MAY CHOOSE TO RESPOND IN WRITING TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TOTAL RESOLUTIONS = 15**

**TOTAL ORDINANCES = 3**